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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Raimar Boehlke, Nelkenweg 7, D-83064 Raubling, Germany, Werner Schwarz, Zellerstrasse 28, D-83324 Ruhpolding, Germany, Professor Dr. Thomas Ischinger, Oberonstrasse 3, D-81927 Muenchen, Germany and Thomas Ehrl, Dollendorfstrasse 32, D-45144 Essen, Germany for ARRANGEMENT FOR ELIMINATING, OR AT LEAST FOR REDUCING THE SIZE OF, INTERSPACES BETWEEN THREE ELEMENTS ARRANGED ONE BEHIND THE OTHER IN THE LONGITUDINAL DIRECTION. This application is an original application. This application is claiming benefit of priority of U.S. Application Serial filed concurrently, which is based on PCT application PCT/DE 00/03118 priority date September 8, 1999 and having international filing date of September 5, 2000 and PCT application of addition 100 53 884.3 filed October 31, 2000 as well as German Utility Model Application 201 01 699.0 filed January 31, 2001.

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58 pages of specification
4 claims
1 page of abstracts
11 sheets of informal drawings

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